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Amendments to Claims

1. (Previously Amended) Apparatus comprising:

a fuel cell power plant;

a primary DC/AC inverter receiving DC power from said fuel cell power plant and providing three-phase AC power to three-phase power lines;

5 an energy storage device; and

a bi-directional DC/AC converter connectable from said energy storage device to said three-phase power lines, whereby to augment the response of said fuel cell power plant and said inverter to transients on said lines.

2. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said lines are

connected to either or both of (a) auxiliary equipment of said fuel cell power plant or (b) a critical customer load, whereby lapses of power to said auxiliary equipment or said critical customer load are averted by power supplied by said converter.

3. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein:

said three-phase power lines are connectable by first switches to a three-phase power grid; and

5 said converter is ~~connected~~ connectable to said three-phase power lines by second switches, said converter alternatively connectable by said second switches to said power grid.

4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim [[3]] 1 further

comprising a diode connected between said fuel cell power plant and said energy storage device to passively provide energy to said energy storage device from said fuel cell power plant whenever there is a sufficiently-low load on said fuel cell power plant so that the
5 voltage output thereof exceeds that of said energy storage device.

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5. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 4 further comprising:
a switch to interrupt the connection between said fuel cell power plant and said energy storage device through said diode.

6. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 4 wherein:
said three-phase power lines are connected to either or both of (a) fuel cell auxiliary equipment, or (b) a critical customer load;

said three-phase power lines are connectable by first switches to a three-phase power grid; and

5 said converter is ~~connected~~ connectable to said three-phase power lines by second switches, said converter alternatively connectable by said second switches to said power grid, whereby power can be provided by said fuel cell power plant through said diode to (a) said power grid and/or (b) (i) said auxiliary equipment and/or (ii) said critical customer load.